THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

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WRIT PETITION No.19438 OF 2005

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Dt: 05.09.2005

Between:

N. Sathaiah.

.. Petitioner

AND

The Regional Manager, APSRTC,

Sanga Reddy, Medak District & 2 others.

.. Respondents

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ORAL ORDER:

The petitioner was working as a conductor in the APSRTC. Through proceedings, dated 29.05.2004, he was removed from service, on the ground that charges in relation to the issuance of tickets in the bus service were proved. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner filed an appeal before the Divisional Manager, Sanga Reddy. The appeal was rejected on 16.08.2004. Thereupon,

the petitioner filed a review before the Regional Manager, Sanga Reddy, the 1st respondent, on 30.08.2004. The grievance of the petitioner is that the 1st respondent has not disposed of the review as yet.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Standing Counsel for the respondents.

The petitioner was removed from service after holding disciplinary enquiry. He has availed the remedy of appeal, and on the same being rejected, he approached the 1st respondent seeking review, which is permitted for, under the APSRTC regulations. The delay in disposal of the review would certainly affect the rights of the petitioner. Even to avail the remedy of raising an Industrial Dispute, the petitioner has to exhaust his remedy of review. As long as the review is pending, the petitioner cannot avail any other remedy. Inasmuch as, the petitioner is out of service, the 1st respondent is required to expedite the disposal of the review.

For the foregoing reasons, the writ petition is disposed of directing the 1st respondent to pass appropriate orders in the review filed by the petitioner, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No order as to costs.

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05.09.2005

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